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## Question

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I'm a reporter for Law360 and I'm writing about the Navajo Nation calling today for

Wanted Media Call Info

I'm on deadline for a story about the Animas River spill. Would it be possible to send me the latest news releases on

I wanted to reach out as we are interested in inviting an EPA guest to talk about the Colorado River – for our 1030a

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How

I'm a reporter at TIME. Just following up on a voice message I left a few minutes ago. Just want to see if I can get the

Just contact info

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Sarah McHaney, I am a producer at the PBS NewsHour. We are doing a story on

What is the EPA's assessment of the impact so far with regards to fish and wildlife and on drinking water. When will the

A reporter from the Sacramento Valley Mirror, a weekly newspaper, is asking whether there are any plans to file a lawsuit

Does EPA have an updated assessment of the amount of mine wastewater that was spilled into the Animas River or

Hope this finds you well. I am a health and environment reporter, currently working on a story for VICE News on the

I'm writing about the Animas River spill for Newsweek, and I'm wondering about the implications of the spill for the

Wanted to be on Media Calls

Does EPA have a comment on last week's release of mine waste from Gold King Mine?

Would Gina McCarthy be available to join us in the 1pm ET hour on CNN tomorrow to talk about the Colorado toxic

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I am a reporter working for Outside Magazine on a story about abandoned mines in the West and their impact on water

Thanks. We are in Durango now. Any chance of getting someone on camera today? Would take just 5-10 minutes

Do you happen to have the prepared remarks of Gina's opening statement on the cleanup in CO? I didn't start recording

The Region 8 Office is unable to tell me if today's 3 p.m. MT press update on the Animas River spill is a live photo or

Here are the main things we're looking for:--how many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get

1. Is the mine still leaking or has it been plugged again? 2. Does the EPA have an estimate yet on the number of people

He asked if we have an EPA representative on site and if an updated report on water contamination will be issued soon

Also looking for a contact on the ground who could alert us to media opportunity's or interview's on site.

My name is Becky and I work for the public radio program, Science Friday. I am working on a story about the accident

On another note, do you know what kind of fines a private company or other agency would face for spilling 3 million

I'm hoping to get an update on the latest on the Animas River spill – where the plume is now, where it is going, where

We would like to have someone from the EPA on our show 8/18 at 11 am mountain (10 pacific, 12 central, 1 pm eastern)

Please give me a call at your earliest convenience at 406 696 4213

I was wondering if either of you could give me a quick call today, Tuesday, in Las Vegas at 702-823-1905 for a few minutes

All, please add me to the press list for the daily Colorado

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Please forward me any information on the claims process or any other statements/info on the Animas River contamination

We have a correspondent and crew on the ground in Durango and in covering this story would like to request access

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Wanted Updates

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Megan Burke here from KPBS in San Diego. We are planning a segment tomorrow on our public affairs talk show M

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Could I please speak with someone ASAP about the Gold King mine spill. Hopefully, an employee on the scene might  
I'm working on a live video report today at 10:40 a.m. EDT for HuffPost Live about the spill in the Animas River. Can  
What can you tell me about ms mccarthy's visit to the animas river??

Is there a schedule for Gina McCarthy's EPA visit to Colorado and New Mexico today yet?

Al Jazeera America is hoping you can provide us a schedule of Administrator McCarthy's Schedule today as she heads  
We understand that Ms. McCarthy will be going to Colorado today for a 2pm event – am wondering if she will go u

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I am continuing the cover the spill of mining waste from the Gold King Mine in Sil

I am hoping to get more details about the Administrator's schedule for visit to the Animas River area impacted by t

So my main question is whether there will be any telephone call-in access for today

I am a reporter at TIME Magazine, and am working on a story about the waste water leakage in the Animas/San Juan

Do you have statements from Administrator McCarthy available regarding the Gold King Mine incident?(I'm particu

Do we know yet why the spill occurred? What about criticism that EPA did not inform state and local officials in Col

The only thing I've seen conflicting reports on is WHERE the plume is now – Lake Powell? Or still in transit?

I'm following up on last week's mine waste spill in a broader context, specifically regarding remediation work at ano

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1) I've been told by non-profit group Earth Work Action that the mine in Colorado where the leak occurred has been

We are wondering if there is an updated number for the following statistic stated in the report: The Environmental

Is there anyone inside the DC office available for an on-camera interview. I heard saying on TV that nobody inside the entire EPA

## Answer

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STATEMENT on Gold King Mine Release in Animas Response: Gold King MI, 2015, EPA was conducting an investigation into the spill. Info given

in the subject? Thank you!

can show this morning. I realize this is an incredibly last minute request but would really appreciate your perspective on how does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? And the latest from the EPA on the contamination.

segment tonight on the Animas River in Colorado and the active spill in the region. We are wondering if the EPA is predicting when the water hit Lake Powell? Will this spill have an impact on drinking water and agricultural water for other states. I am also wondering if there are any criminal charges in response to the "obviously criminal" Gold King Mine incident. I told him I knew of no such charges. When was the spill on August 5? New reports are saying it is around 3 million gallons but is there any updated assessment showing which areas are most affected by the Colorado gold mine wastewater spill. I was wondering if it would be possible for you to connect me to someone at the EPA under CERCLA. Will EPA be liable for the spill under CERCLA, or how does CERCLA come into play in this scenario?

making a story that looks at potential implications under CERCLA. Deadline is 5 PM.

spill? The interview will be about 5-6 minutes one on one with our anchor Brianna Keilar.

Given

waterways, wildlife and public health. I was hoping you or one of your colleagues at EPA might be available to speak with us.

going to be held until right after and wanted to double check something.

opportunity or a phone/online update only? If the press conference is open to cameras, where will it be? They don't want a list of those or is there a way to search on the Superfund website? Here are the main things we're looking for:--how many people are affected by the spill?

soon.

potential release of mine wastewater in Colorado and would like to book someone from the EPA for the show this Friday. How much waste is being released? How many gallons of mine waste into a river? Would any sort of prison time be involved?

whether it could potentially eventually have any kind of impact on Southern California, that sort of thing.

statement). Our show is 1 hour, and ideally we would like to have someone on the show for the full hour. If that is not possible, we would be happy to do a shorter segment.

updates and questions on the Animas River spill. I have called a half dozen EPA folks in the west and have received no response.

ination.

focus on any sort of field operations you might have at the moment. Specifically looking to talk to someone who may be involved in the cleanup.

Friday Edition about the Gold King mine spill. I'm writing to request a representative of the EPA participate in that c

t be able to walk me through the incident and provide some insight as to what the most crucial decisions and actions  
the EPA please provide a statement for our program with the latest information?

ds Colorado and other areas impacted by the mine leak.

p to Silverton to inspect the area where the spill originally occurred? Or, will she be staying in Durango where wate

Administrator McCarthy is travelling to Colorado and New Mexico today to meet with communities affected by the  
he Gold King Mine today. Is there a schedule available?

Forwarded the advisory.

At 11:06 AM  
Administrator McCarthy? If there is, would you please furnish me and our EPA correspondent in Washington, Valerie Volcovi  
n rivers. I spoke to Navajo Nation president Russell Begaye, and he said that EPA officials had told him in a meeting t  
larly interested in any comments that reference farming communities impacted by the spill).

orado, New Mexico and the Navajo Nation for nearly 24 hours after the breach happened? <http://www.daily-time>

ther mine in the area several years ago. I sent a note to EPA's Region 8 office this morning (see thread below) and I

n leaking acid mine drainage at a rate of about 50-250 gallons a minute for years, along with 3 other mines in the a  
Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 40% of the headwaters of watersheds in the western United States are con  
A in DC will talk on cam.



to of the Code? And what is the EPA's role in investigating up to 100,000 more ongoing water releases from like to mispea

on the issue. It could be via Skype and will take no longer than 5 minutes. Please let me know if this might be possible abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

lanning on making anyone available to the press today about the situation. We would love to speak to someone eit  
m thinking this comes as a particularly bad time for California, which is already suffering water emergency.Is this to  
arges, but would seek additional info.Also, the reporter is asking whether similar incidents have prompted criminal  
h heavy metals might have been in the wastewater? Also, I need to know if an updated press release has been issu  
t the EPA to talk about the spill, how it happened and what its consequences could be. A short telephone interview  
io?

ith me sometime today or tomorrow at the latest. I have a few general questions about the issue of abandoned min

know. The regional media contact's vm is full, so I can't leave a message. Also, Colorado's governor has told us a de  
ow many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get a list of those or is there a way to search on

.The live radio interview is scheduled for 3:00pm to 3:20pm ET on Friday, 8/14. If someone from the EPA is availabl

ossible, we are willing to accommodate a specific time frame. We would like to have someone from the EPA on our  
o response.

e observing by air and would like to join them in this observation. Please let me know how I can help.

onversation to give the overview on the spill. Is there anyone available who could join us at 12:20 for about 5 minu

ns will be to mitigate the spill in the coming months. I am also interested in engineering decisions and solutions tha

r quality samples are being tested? We have a crew in Durango and want to make sure that if Administrator plans t  
e spill. Can you tell me whether the administrator will be holding any press events or whether she will be issuing a s

ci, cc'd above, the phone number and passcode we'd need. Also, please include the two of us, as well as the group  
hat the full clean up could take up to a "decade" before Navajo people could return to their normal lives on the rive

s.com/four\_corners-news/ci\_28601678/officials-declare-state-emergency-close-animas-river-san And most import

haven't hear back yet -- understandable, I'm sure they're very busy. Would you be able to help me connect with so

rea.Is that your understanding? 2)The EPA contractors were attempting to put a pipe into the adit (mine opening) i  
taminated by pollution from hardrock mines.

had to get out the water, and to assess the 21st 26518242 and the deadline is 3:30 pm. The plan was to excavate the loos

ble?

her on the national or regional level. Judy Woodruff is the correspondent doing this interview. We would ask some  
xic spill going to impact water supplies in California? How long will it take to clean up? Any impact on economy and d  
charges in the past. A question for OECA?  
ed by EPA's regional administrator Shaun McGrath with more information about the Gold King Mine Spill. I seem to  
would be very helpful.

es and acid mine drainage.

cision on when the river will reopen will be made today, but the Region 8 office does not know if that is the case. C  
the Superfund website?--does the EPA have any estimate on total number of abandoned mines? (in the western U

e to discuss what happens, how the situation is being monitored, and what some possible ramifications may be, th

show 8/18 at 11 am mountain (10 pacific, 12 central, 1 pm eastern). Our show is 1 hour, and ideally we would like t

tes by phone?

t will be investigated or applied in the Gold King spill clean up and what is being done to address the larger problem

o tour the Silverton site – that our crew pre-positions there.

tatement after meeting with responders and stakeholders?

email address, GeneralNews.West@thomsonreuters.com on any distribution list for further information, stateme  
r banks. Just wanted to confirm if this is true. My deadline is 5 pm today evening.

ant, what about criticism of a double-standard, that EPA would have reacted much stronger and more swiftly if suc  
meone later today, or tomorrow?

n order to collect the water and prevent it from continuing to pollute Cement Creek and the Animas River. Is that a

e material that had collapsed into the cave entry back to the timbering. During the excavation, the loose material g

basic questions about how this spill occurred, how dangerous it is to the community, and what are the efforts already making water supplies, if so for how many people?

be finding only week-old information at this point. Finally, I was told there is a press call with media today with upd

can you tell me if that is true? Other reports have said it will be tomorrow?

S and/or nationwide, or whatever is available)--is there a gauge of how often resistance to a Superfund designation

that would be great.

do have someone on the show for the full hour. If that is not possible, we are willing to accommodate a specific time

of the many abandoned mines throughout the West. In what capacity was EPA working when at the GKM site? Wh

nts, updates etc from the Gold King Mine waste release.

h an accident had occurred under the watch of a private company?

correct characterization? I'd like to understand more about what happens during that process – what kind of equip

ave way, opening the adit (mine tunnel) and spilling the water stored behind the collapsed material into Cement Cr

ady underway to curb the spill. Then bigger picture questions about what a full cleanup will take, if there is a way t

ates about the spill. How do I listen in on that call? I cannot seem to find anything on Region 8's website or the mai

by local officials has prevented a site's listing? Specific to Gold King Mine:-was a preliminary assessment ever comp

frame. Topic areas: Update on the spill, most recent information on how much contamination occurred. We'll ask q

at is being done now to plug the leak? Who was the main contractor or contractors working with EPA at the site? W

ment was used and why? What caused the leak? Was there a misjudgment of how much water had built up and th



reek, a tributary of the Animas River. Initial estimates are that the release contained approximately one million gallons

to prevent future spills of this nature, and if you live near this river what you should be doing in the meantime. Please

visit the EPA website about this.

liability on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?--it's my understanding that the EPA has said

questions like: is the drinking water safe? How do we know? Why was the EPA responsible for cleaning up the area?

as this a disaster waiting to happen, regardless of EPA's actions?

e pressure? 3)Is it true that the EPA had wanted for years to designate the area a superfund site but received much

ns of water (estimated from the dimensions of the mine adit) that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an a

se let me know as soon as possible if someone is available. We can be somewhat flexible on timing, but our ideal w

id a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the wa

How they are working with tribal governments on this issue? We also want to know any resources for our listeners

opposition from community leaders? Can the EPA designate a site a superfund area without support from a comm

bandoned mine portal. There were several workers at the site at the time of the breach, all were unharmed. The la

indows are between 4:15pm EST – 5:15pm EST or live at 6:20pm EST.

ter in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover? CC'd Rich Mylott

who may have been impacted by the spill.As I said on the phone, we are looking to broaden the conversation to ab

unity? 4)I'm also wondering if the type of mining pollution that was created by this particular mine is common with

rge pulse of water dissipated in about an hour. Today the water in Cement Creek and the Animas River in Silverton

and Ellen Knickmeyer with The AP and also left you a voice mail. Please give me a call when you can.Hoping to get w

andoned mine clean up in general. If you have someone who can speak to that as well, that would be great, but no

all mines. 5)Earth Work Action tells me that the price to clean up these sites has been estimated by the EPA at \$50



is clearing. The adit is still discharging lower flows into Cement Creek. Today, EPA is rebuilding settling ponds to tr

hatever answers we can as quickly as possible b'c story is already live and the plan is to make this our main focus to

t necessary. If possible, I'd like to have a very brief pre-interview with whomever you can get for us, you are welcom

billion, and there is no steady funding source, leaving the EPA, states and local governments to cobble together re

eat these flows – the upper pond will be completed by early afternoon, and the lower pond by COB or early tomorr

day.

e to sit in on that call. Please let me know if you need anything else, I'm happy to provide.

sources for clean-up. Is that true? 6)The advocacy group also claims that 40% of the streams in the headwaters of w

ow. EPA will treat the mine water diverted to the ponds with caustic soda and flocculent once the ponds are built.

estern watersheds have been polluted by hardrock mining. Is that true? Is there more context needed here? Is ther

We expect conditions will continue to improve in the coming hours and days. As of 10 am today the leading edge o

e some amount of pollution that's allowable ie safe?



f the plume was at 8 miles, as the crow flies (not river miles), from the New Mexico state line. We expect an updat



e on that location later this afternoon. We will continue to coordinate with local, state, tribal and federal officials. E



PA 's ASPECT (Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology) arrived in Santa Fe, New Mexic



o, last evening to fuel up, and completed a preliminary overflights to determine how far downstream the release h





as gotten. The flight crew flew this morning from the New Mexico border to the mine to take photographs. The flig



ht crew will fly the river again this afternoon. EPA is coordinating with ATSDR in response to public health concerns



/questions associated with the mine waste plume. ATSDR has been in communication with local health officials at S



an Juan County Basin Health Department in Colorado. Public health questions/concerns should be directed to Chris





Poulet, ATSDR/R8 at 303-312-7013. EPA Region 8 has been coordinating with Region 6 and Region 9 and the states



of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and the Southern Ute Tribe. Region 6 is working closely with the New Mexico Envi



ronment Department to evaluate possible impacts in New Mexico. Potentially impacted water systems have been n



otified and precautions are in place to ensure drinking water in homes is protected. EPA and NMED are providing a





ssistance to community water systems and closely monitoring the situation.